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SUBJECT: ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S DECORATIONS FOR U.S. NAVAL  
PERSONNEL

REFERENCE: RABAT 0672

1. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SOME TIME AGO MADE KNOWN ITS DESIRE TO AWARD DECORATIONS TO FOUR U.S. NAVAL PERSONNEL WHO RESCUED THREE INJURED CREW MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN TANKER, AUGUST, WEST OF KENITRA, MOROCCO LAST FEBRUARY. ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S PERMISSION TO AWARD THESE DECORATIONS. IN A NOTE DATED JUNE 20, 1974, DEPARTMENT INFORMED ITALIAN EMBASSY THAT IT APPROVED AWARDS FOR TWO OF THE FOUR BUT THAT IT WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE OTHER TWO AS BEING MEMBERS OF U.S. ARMED FORCES.

2. NAME OF ONE OF THE UNIDENTIFIABLE MEN. LTJG WALTER E. WILLIAMSON, WAS INCORRECTLY SPELLED AS WILLIAMS IN ITALIAN EMBASSY'S NOTE. WILLIAMSON, ACCORDING TO U.S. NAVAL STATION, ROTA, SPAIN, IS NOW ASSIGNED TO USS GUAM(LPH-9) NAME OF SECOND UNIDENTIFIABLE, ADJC JAMES J. NEUGENTS, WAS CORRECTLY PRESENTED IN ITALIAN EMBASSY'S NOTE. NEUGENTS IS CURRENTLY SERVING AT U.S. NAVAL STATION, ROTA.

3. WE WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE TO ITALIAN EMBASSY WHICH WILL TRANSMIT IT TO ITALIAN EMBASSY IN UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON. ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL, AS DEPARTMENT

SUGGESTED, IN ITS NOTE, RE-SUBMIT REQUEST. IN THE INTEREST OF  
EXPEDITING THE CASE, WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT CABLE US ITS  
DECISION AS TO WHETHER WILLIAMSON AND NEUGENTS MAY RECEIVE  
AWARDS.NEUMANN

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